

# Welcome to Park United Methodist Pre-School!

## Park's Ark!



We hope your child and you will enjoy a very special “first school” experience. The Pre-School is a ministry of the Park United Methodist Church, which is governed by the Church Council which oversees the program and advises the staff on all matters dealing with the nursery school. It is non-profit and self-supporting. It is our aim to help each child prepare for today’s kindergarten. Through a loving, constructive environment, we try to help each child develop a positive self-concept and become more independent.

Our purpose for Pre-School is to present the opportunities not only for learning of certain pre-public school concepts and social interaction as is available in a non-religious nursery school, but to teach, in addition, basic concepts of our Christian faith. This will be done as a continuation of the Church School program, an outreach ministry of this church, and as an enrichment of the learning of the Christian home.

*The Church Council of Park United Methodist Church*

## Our Program

Your child must be three years old by September 1<sup>st</sup> of the new school year.

We meet Tuesday – Wednesday – Thursday, from 8:30 AM to 11:00 AM.

Classes are filled on a first come, first served basis, according to date of enrollment.

If classes are filled when parents call, the child's name will be put on our waiting list. If vacancies occur during the year they will be filled from our waiting list.

This program's main objective is to help the child be able to leave his/her parents and still be happy, and to learn to be part of a group experience. They are taught concepts such as colors, shapes, letters, numbers, cutting, painting, listening skills, phonics, beginning word recognition and the stories of the Bible.

Our typical day involves playtime, a morning prayer, learning about the weather, the calendar, the Pledge of Allegiance, the Bible story, with variations of class work with cutting, pasting, coloring, practicing how to write our name and letters, working with numbers, music and a snack.

## Tuition

Tuition is figured as an annual fee. It may be paid in full at the beginning of the year or each month, due on the first school day of each month. Tuition per month is \$100.00.

**Please make checks payable to – Park United Methodist Church.**

Because tuition is an annual fee, no refunds are given for illness, vacations or snow days not made up.

## Enrollment Fee

Each year there is a one-time enrollment fee, due at the time of enrollment. The fee is \$10.00.

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# What We Do!

Here are just some of the things we do with your children:

We do so many different and fun things with our class – we have themed days throughout the year, we bring in special things for show and tell and we have parent-participation days at Halloween, Valentine’s Day, and Easter time. Carving pumpkins, making cookies, hiding eggs. These are special days that your child shares with you and provides a lasting memory. Time with mom and dad is so important and a day at school shared with them is so much fun!

We may go on field trips to the fire department, and to CARP Park; we have special friends come to visit us so we can learn about ambulances, how to care for people, and how to care for pets. They teach us about safety and protecting ourselves.

Our Bible stories include:

How the world began, Noah’s Ark, Joseph and his Coat of Many Colors, Moses as a baby, the Burning Bush, the Ten Commandments, Jonah and the Whale, baby Jesus with the animals in the stable, the Three Wise Men, Zacchaeus, the story of Easter and the crucifixion. There are many more. These stories are very short, but they provide a glimpse of life in the Bible to your children.

For our scholastic program, we work with fine motor control, gross motor control, shape recognition, visual discrimination, expression through movement and music, measurement concepts, patterns, reasoning and problem solving, dramatic play, listening and understanding skills, comprehension, phonological awareness (understanding the sounds of language), awareness of concepts of print, understanding of letters, numbers, directionality of objects, developing social interactions, self-care and independence.

There are many, many different words in the English language used to describe the various ways of teaching or introducing your young child to the world of learning and development.

For example – fine motor control involves things such as cutting with scissors, using a variety of writing/coloring tools, stringing beads, building with small blocks, putting together puzzles.... This focuses on dexterity, eye-hand coordination, and control with writing tools and small pieces. Gross motor control involves bigger movement of the whole body in a controlled manner, such as hopping, jumping, skipping, kicking, running..... Phonological Awareness involves the use of sounds and listening skills in our world and eventually language. This is an important prerequisite for reading and writing in school. We practice counting words in a sentence orally, segmenting and blending syllables in a word, hearing and producing rhyming words. All of this is done in a fun and sequential way.

Please reach out to me, Cheryl Russell, if you have an questions or concerns!

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There are endless ways to teach your children; but the best lesson of all is to love and care for each other and give your child the opportunity to know the stories of the Bible and how God loves us.